

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82B-37

Building Date: ca. 1895

Building Name: Percival Burroughs House

Location: 15800 Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Progress/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Percival Burroughs House at Brookeridge is a two-and-one-half-story gable-roof frame house; it is L-shaped, and covered with dark brown cedar shingle. The house is of the gable-front-and-wing plan, with entrance in the first bay of the main east gable front. The door has four glazed panes over four molded panels, within a plain board surround. Across this main east gable front is a one-story hip-roof porch supported by plain square posts on a concrete floor. Extending to the north, flush with the west gable end, is a two-bay, two-and-one-half-story kitchen wing. It has a rear entrance in the first bay of the west elevation. The gable roof is of standing seam tin covered with green asphalt shingle. The cornice is boxed, and flared at the gable ends. There are two interior corbelled brick chimneys, one nearly centered at the ridge of the main block, and the other at the north gable end of the wing.

Significance:

The Percival Burroughs House is a good example of a late nineteenth century vernacular dwelling. It stands on part of a tract of land known as Brookeridge which belonged to the Burroughs family for much of the nineteenth century. This part of Brookeridge was purchased in 1840 by Richard D. Burroughs, a wealthy planter whose son, John W. Burroughs, built the fine Italianate dwelling, Waverly, on neighboring land in 1855. The northmost section of Brookeridge was conveyed to John Burroughs' son, Percival, in 1894. Shortly after he acquired legal title to his portion of Brookeridge in 1894, Percival Burroughs built the subject house for his family. The house was a modest vernacular dwelling of the gable-front-and-wing plan, with a slightly asymmetrical arrangement. While it is a spacious house in a prominent setting, it is much more modest in every detail than Waverly, and clearly illustrates the decrease of the Burroughs family fortune. It is therefore an interesting and important reflection of the agricultural and social developments in rural Prince George's County. The subject house remained the home of Percival Burroughs' family until 1930. The house stands on a high point of land overlooking the Patuxent River Park to the east. It is a good example of a modest late nineteenth century vernacular farm dwelling.

Acreage: 67.57 acres

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Percival Burroughs House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 15800 Croom Airport Road ☐ not for publicationCroom
city, town Upper Marlboro ☐ vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
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			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Michael Simpson

street & number 12421 Parker Lane telephone no.:

city, town Clinton state and zip code Md. 20735

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. County Courthouse liber #6300

street & number Main Street folio 314

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Percival Burroughs House at Brookridge is a two-and-one-half-story gable-roof frame house; it is L-shaped, and covered with dark brown cedar shingle. It stands in a commanding position in rolling farmland, accessible by an unpaved farm lane on the north side of the road from Croom to Selby's Landing.

The house is of the gable-front-and-wing plan. The main block is an irregular two bays by two bays, with entrance in the first bay of the main east gable front. The door has four glazed panes over four molded panels, within a plain board surround. Across this main east gable front is a one-story hip-roof porch supported by plain square posts on a concrete floor.

Extending to the north, flush with the west gable end is a two-bay, two-and-one-half-story kitchen wing. It has a rear entrance in the first bay of the west elevation, approached by a set of concrete steps; there are no windows in the north gable end.

The original German siding of the house is now covered with cedar shingles. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash with plain board surrounds painted white. There are no shutters. The gable roof is of standing seam tin covered with green asphalt shingle. The cornice is boxed, and flared at the gable ends. There are two interior corbelled brick chimneys, one nearly centered at the ridge of the main block, and the other at the north gable end of the wing. The high foundation is of partially parged brick. There is no basement.

Interior plan consists of a side (south) stairhall, with the stairs running up along the south exterior wall of the main block. To the north are two connecting parlors; a side hall leads from the rear parlor north into the kitchen. Moldings are multi-band with bulls-eye corner blocks. There are no mantels.

Behind the house and to the north is a small gable-roof shed with vertical board siding. Southwest of the house, fronting on the road to Selby's Landing is a large gable-on-hip-roof tobacco barn (cf. 82B-11a), and closer to the house is a cinder-block stripping shed. At some distance away from the house to the northwest, along an unpaved farm road, is another tobacco barn.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates ca. 1895 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Percival Burroughs House is a good example of a late nineteenth century vernacular dwelling. It stands on part of a tract of land known as Brookeridge which belonged to the Burroughs family for much of the nineteenth century.

This part of Brookeridge was purchased in 1840 by Richard D. Burroughs, a wealthy planter who acquired large landholdings in the Nottingham District.¹ (Burrough's son, John W. Burroughs, purchased neighboring land in 1855 and constructed on it the substantial Italianate farmhouse, Waverly, at that time.) When Richard Burroughs died in 1870, he left his real estate to John W. Burroughs, in trust for the latter's children as soon as the last of those children reached the age of 21. John W. Burroughs died in 1885, before his three younger children had reached their majority; accordingly, in 1894, it was his widow, Mary Burroughs, who divided and conveyed the land. The northmost section of the farm, 66.9 acres north of the road from Croom to Selby's landing, was conveyed to Burrough's son, Percival.²

Percival Burroughs was born at Waverly in 1867; because of financial reverses, the Burroughs lost Waverly before 1880, but continued to farm the Brookeridge property. Shortly after he acquired legal title to his portion of Brookeridge in 1894, Percival Burroughs built the subject house for his family. (The large tobacco barn which stands a short distance southwest of the house may have been constructed somewhat earlier.) The house was a modest vernacular dwelling; it is of the gable-front-and-wing plan with a slightly asymmetrical arrangement. While it is a spacious house in a prominent setting, it is much more modest in every detail than Waverly, and clearly illustrates the decrease of the Burroughs family fortune. It is therefore an interesting and important reflection of the agricultural and social developments in rural Prince George's County.³

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. notes, item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property	67.57 acres	Tax Map 120, parcel 20													
Quadrangle name	Bristol, Section G	Quadrangle scale													
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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Susan G. Pearl, Research Historian		
organization	Historic Preservation Commission	date	Sept. 1986
street & number	c/o County Planning, MNCPPC	telephone	952-3521
city or town	Upper Marlboro	state	MD.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Statement of Significance (continued)

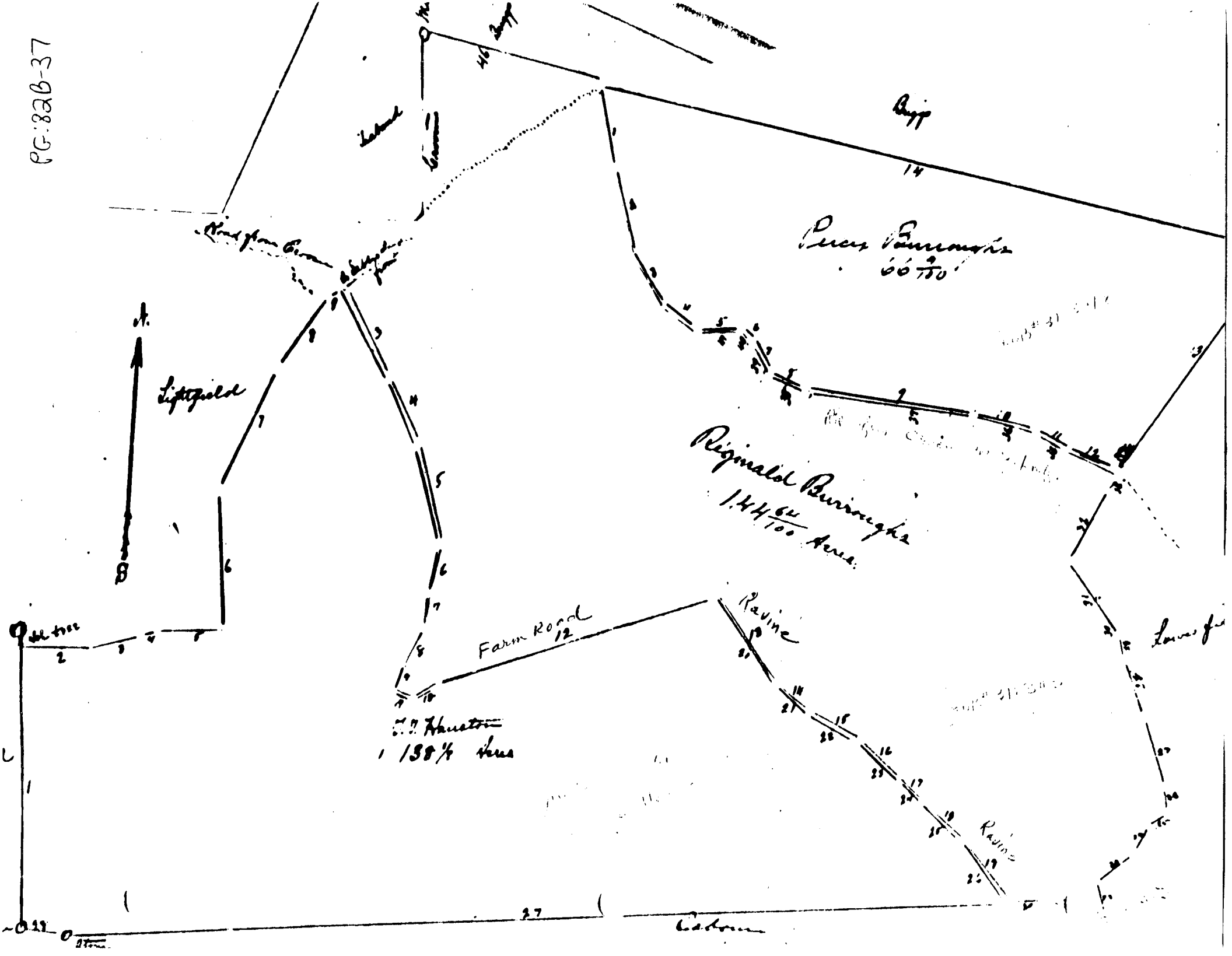
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The subject house remained the home of Percival Burrough's family until 1930. In that year, the 67-acre farm was sold to members of the Duvall family (who in 1899 had acquired, and still live at, Waverly). It was at approximately this time that the German siding of Percival Burrough's house was covered with cedar shingles. The house was occupied by tenants, and the barn used by neighboring tobacco farmers, until the spring of 1986, when the 67-acre farm was purchased by the current owners; they are currently engaged in repairing and restoring the dwelling. The house stands on a high point of land overlooking the Patuxent River Park to the east. It is a good example of a modest late nineteenth century vernacular farm dwelling.

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Deed, JBB #1:382.
- 2 Prince George's County Will, WAJ #1:450; Prince George's County Deeds, JWB #31:343, 348; Equity #1113; cf. also National Register Nomination for Waverly, P.G. #82B-9.
- 3 Prince George's County Tax Assessment, 1890-1900; Census for Prince George's County, 1880, 1900.
- 4 Prince George's County Deed #345:483; #6300:314; conversation with members of Duvall family, spring 1986.



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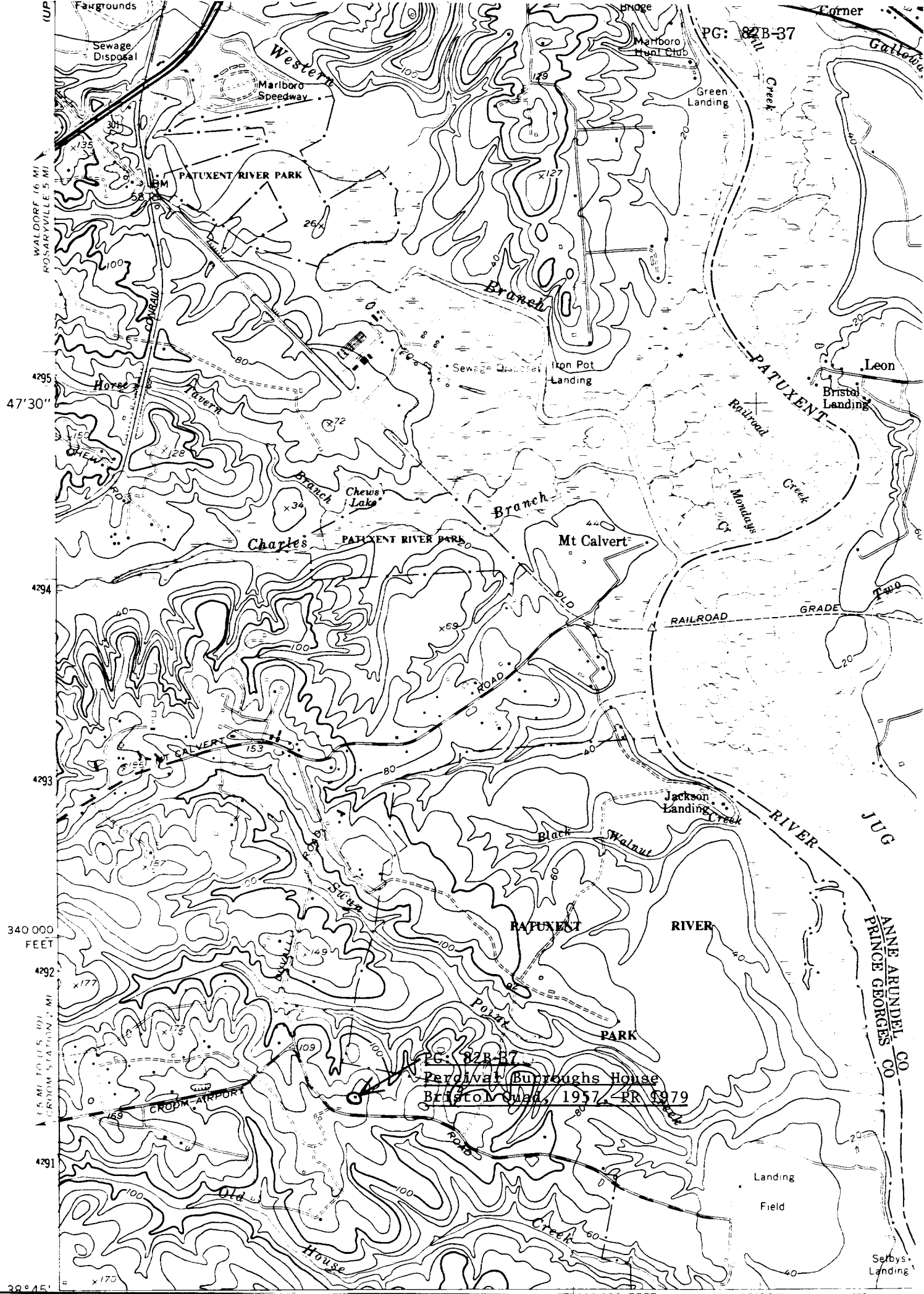
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May 1986

Northeast 3/4 elevation

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West elevation
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Southwest 3/4 elevation
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